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DRIFTING ON ICEBERGS.

Two Polar Bears Seen on Grand Bank by Ocean Liner.

The ocean liner Oakmore, Capt. Murdock, arrived at Boston two days late yesterday and reported on Saturday passing three icebergs, in latitude 42.20 north and longitude 49.50 west, ranging from 100 to 150 feet high and 1000 feet in length. A quantity of drift ice was also seen in the same locality. The sailors on the Oakmore were treated to a very novel sight, for on one of the bergs, and plainly visible, were two small polar bears, evidently young ones.

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TWO NETTERS IN.

Schs. A. C. Newhall and Georgianna at Fulton Dock.

Two netters arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this afternoon, sch. A. C. Newhall, Capt. John Bulong, with 111 large fresh mackerel in count, and sch. Georgianna, Capt. William Hussey, with 80 large fresh mackerel in count.

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Ramea, N. F., Bankers &re Home.

The Ramea, N. F., banking vessels that were fishing off Rose Blanche and Channel the past winter have now returned to their home port, as there is no fish obtainable. The Stanley Joseph secured 350 qtls., the Shamrock 250, and the Stella 275. They will land this at once, and taking another bait supply sail for the Gulf grounds, if ice permits.

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Fine Stock and Share.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, Capt. Lewis Devine, stocked \$2200 as the result of her recent fresh Peak trip, the crew making the fine share of \$78 to a man.

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Steamer Spray Has Small Fare.

The steam otter trawler Spray arrived at T wharf, Boston, this morning, with a small trip, 29,000 pounds of fresh fish and 3000 pounds of flounders.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Olympia, Rips, 33,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mina Swim, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade fresh fish prices: large western cod, \$2.37 1-2; medium do., \$1.62 1-2; large eastern cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; snapper do., 60c; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; snapper do., 50c; haddock, \$1.10; hake, \$1.10; pollock, \$1.
Board of Trade salt fish prices: Large Georges handline cod, \$4.75; medium do., \$3.75; salt haddock, \$2; salt pollock, \$2; salt hake, \$2; salt cusk, \$2.50.
Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. or gray.
Rips salt cod, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium, and \$2.25 for snappers.
Market price large western cod to split, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.62 1-2.
Large eastern cod, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.50 per cwt., medium do., \$1.80.
Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for market, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for shack.
Fresh round pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.
Market price fresh hake, \$1.20 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Appomattox, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Alcina, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Philip P. Manta, 19,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
Sch. Rebecca, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock.
Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 14,000 cod.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 25,000 cod.
Sch. Emilia Enos, 16,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Str. Spray, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 pollock, 3000 flounders.
Sch. Wesley W. Sennett, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 19,000 cod.
Sch. Dorothy, 38,000 cod.
Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 17,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4; large cod, \$2.75 to \$2.85; markets, \$1.75 to \$1.80; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; cusk, \$1.55; pollock, \$1.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Niagara and the custom house steamer Dreamer are on Parkhurst's railways.

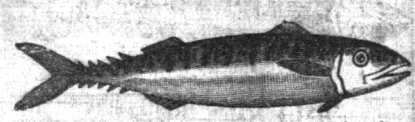
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MADE HAUL OFF BLOCK ISLAND.

Sch. Independence II Got 10 Bbls. Large Last Night.

IS CONSIDERED GOOD SIGN.

Three Netters at New York This Afternoon with Fish.



A special despatch to the Times this afternoon gives the following arrivals of netters at Fulton dock with fish:
Sch. Almeida, Capt. Alex. Goyatche, 300 large fresh mackerel in count.
Sch. Robert C. Harris, 33 large fresh mackerel in count.
Sch. Priscilla, Capt. Wolff, 100 large fresh mackerel.
Capt. Charles H. Harty, who is going out seining in sch. Lottie G. Merchant, was in conversation this afternoon on the telephone with Capt. Gourley Anderson of sch. Corsair at Newport, R. I.
Capt. Anderson said that he came in this morning with some of the other vessels. They had three or four days of fine weather to the southward recently and had seen no fish.
Last night they were off Block island in company with sch. Independence II., Capt. John O'Brien, of this port, and ten miles south of the island the latter made a haul of ten barrels of large mackerel.
Capt. Harty believes that the large fish are just striking and that good hauls will soon be made off Block and Long Islands.

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HAD BAD WEATHER.

But Few Vessels Now Fishing on the Peak.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, which arrived this morning from the Peak, reports that bad weather spoiled what would otherwise have been a very satisfactory trip. He says that since going on that ground the weather had been constantly bad, too rough and blowy to put the dories over. When there was a chance to set, the crew found good fishing. He thought that there was a lot of fish there, and that but for the weather the vessels would have done as well there as they generally do and brought home big fares.

TO FIT FOR CAPE SHORE.

Large Number of Seiners Come Home from South.

MANY MORE ARE EXPECTED.

Sch. Priscilla Smith at New York with 7,000 Mediums.

That the body of medium mackerel out south has not entirely disappeared is evident from a special dispatch to the Times this noon announcing the arrival at Fulton Market, New York, of sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, of this port, with a fare of 7000 fresh medium mackerel. Evidently Capt. Corkum has found the fish somewhere and there will be considerable interest here among vessel owners and skippers and fishermen who came home from south today to learn the locality.

At New York this morning are the following netters:

Steamer Dorcas, 380 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Carrie C., 330 large fresh mackerel.
Sloop Lear C., 500 large fresh mackerel.
Sloop Golden Eagle, 21 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla, 350 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Frank Monroe, 800 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Olive May, 800 large fresh mackerel.

Some 17 or more sail of the southern mackerel seining fleet arrived home this morning to fit for the Cape Shore season. But few of the fleet had any fish, a few of them having a small number of barrels of salt mackerel. For the next few days there will be a grand hustle at all the wharves fitting out these crafts and getting them ready for a trip which means much to Gloucester as a whole, as well as the skippers and men of the vessels.

Sch. Colonial, Capt. Lemuel Firth, which came from the southward with the others, had 1100 large fresh mackerel, which sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company. The fish were taken Wednesday night, about 60 being stopped in one pod off Shinnecock and the others in one lot a few miles to the southeast of Block island. There appeared to be some few pods there showing that night, and Capt. Joseph Smith in sch. Grayling got a haul of five or six barrels. Capt. Firth reports that it was very foggy off here last night and this made it hard work to make the harbor.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, which came in from the southward, had about 100 large fresh mackerel, taken Tuesday night off Block Island.

Sch. Ingomar brought home two barrels of salt mackerel and sch. Esperanto had 12 barrels of southern caught salt mackerel.

Between now and tomorrow morning, the majority of the southern seining fleet are expected home to fit for their Cape Shore trips. Quite a number of them are figuring to get away next Monday, and this ought to bring them on that ground well ahead of the mackerel schools, which generally begin to show up about May 23 or 24.

The captains all agree that the weather out south, excepting the past few days, has been about the worst ever seen out there in a spring mackerel season. They also agree that seldom if ever has any more fish been seen out there. Every night almost they would see school after school and the weather would prevent setting. For two weeks the schools remained right in one spot, not moving from the vicinity of Fenwick's island.

Most of the hauls were made in deep water, and when the fish disappeared, they did so suddenly and not a one was seen afterward. Then for four or five days the vessels cruised and saw not a sign of mackerel, although the weather was fine. The water did not fire too well, however, and as the moon was growing, those who intended to go to the Cape Shore anyway headed this way and came home to fit out.

Had the fish continued to have shown as they did up to last Friday, surely half the fleet would have stayed out south and the Cape Shore fleet would have been about the smallest on record. As it is, about all the vessels are expected to come home for the Cape Shore or else go there direct from out south.

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Capt. Frank H. Hall of sch. Ralph L. Hall says that the bad weather without doubt prevented one of the biggest season's catches ever made out south. Most of the fish which were taken were in deep water and this did not look too good. He thinks there will be some good hauls made yet out there, but as he intended going to Cape Shore, he came home to fit, so as to be on the ground in time.

The netting sch. Actor is home from south to fit for a mackerel dragging trip to the Cape Shore. Sch. J. W. Bradley is fitting for a similar trip.

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As the Record Sees It.

The Boston Record says:

"That was a dramatic protest filed by Premier Bond of Newfoundland at the colonial conference in London yesterday, charging England with sacrificing the colony and her fisheries to American interests. But it will go no further in practical effect. Indeed, the reason for Sir Robert going so far in his criticism was that he felt that he had nothing to lose and all to gain. The grievance of Newfoundland is actually one of government than of business. On the practical working side of the fishery situation Newfoundland in spite of the modus vivendi, is in a position to bar Gloucester fishermen or penalize them seriously by denying assistance of natives."

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SALT SHIPMENT ARRIVES.

Steamer Stag Brings 2446 Tons from Aviza, Spain.

The steamer Stag arrived at this port this morning from Aviza, Spain, with 2446 tons of salt, consigned to Fred Bradley. She was 20 days on the passage and the captain reports no accidents, but the weather was not of the best. The craft called at St. Michaels en route.

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Good Trips.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, arrived at this port this morning from the Peak, with a good fare of 100,000 pounds of fresh cod and 4000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons, is here from Rips fishing this morning with 40,000 pounds of salt cod.

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Rips Cod Sales.

The fare of Rips salt cod of sch. Mina swim sold to Cunningham & Thompson and hat of sch. Louisa Kelleys to Lane & Smith, both at last quotations, \$4.50 for large and \$3.75 for medium.

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Fine Halibut Fare.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon, which arrived from the Newfoundland coast yesterday, had a fine trip, being gone only three weeks and weighing off 40,000 pounds of fine fresh halibut.

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Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, south, seining, 100 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Ingomar, south, seining, 2 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Esperanto, south, seining, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Parthia, south, seining.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall, south, seining.
Sch. Corona, south, seining.
Sch. Muriel, south, seining.
Sch. Arabia, south, seining.
Sch. Indiana, south, seining.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, south, seining.
Sch. Patriotic, south, seining.
Sch. Diana, south, seining.
Sch. Lena and Maud, south, seining.
Sch. Actor, south, netting.
Steamer Elthier, shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
Sch. John M. Keen, via Boston.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin via Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 35,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Emily Sears, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flayilla, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Azorean, 2800 haddock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.25; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$2; cusk, \$1.60; pollock, \$1.

New York.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, 7000 fresh medium mackerel.

Seven netters with 3181 large fresh mackerel.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Metamora sailed from Canso N., S., on Tuesday.

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WATCHFUL GARDNER.

Sees State Department on Newfoundland Decision.

WILL ASK AN INJUNCTION.

Declares It Is a Blow to Our 1818 Treaty Rights.

"That our indefatigable Congressman Gardner is always alive to the interests of his constituents and ready and willing to look after their welfare in and out of season is evidenced by the fact that he has been in Washington for several days and yesterday was in conference with the officials of the state department respecting the recent decision of the Newfoundland court that fishermen of that colony cannot legally be shipped on American fishing smacks outside the three-mile limit to fish within territorial waters.

Mr. Gardner regards the decision as reported in the press as constituting a blow at the treaty rights of American fishermen, and he will ask the department of state to endeavor to have the British government enjoin the Newfoundlanders from attempting to enforce this colonial ordinance until the conclusion of negotiations, soon to begin in Washington, for the purpose of reaching a settlement of all these open issues between America and the British colonies on the north.

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STRUCK IT RICH.

Pollock Fleet Found Schools Off Here Yesterday.

The steamers of the pollock fleet struck the schools off here again yesterday and several did well. In all some 15 trips aggregating

WAITERS ARE NO LOSERS.

Seiners Strike Big School of Mackerel.

THREE FARES AT NEWPORT.

Schs. Fame, Independence II and Annie Greenlaw There.

The prediction made in the Times yesterday that the next thing heard of mackerel would be the taking of big fish off Block or Long islands is quickly borne out by the receipt this afternoon of a message from the Times regular correspondent at Newport, R. I., telling of the arrival there of sch. Fame, Capt. Augustus G. Hall of this port, with 114 barrels of the largest kind of mackerel. Capt. Hall reports getting this fine fare last night off Cox's ledge, which all fishermen know as one of the favorite mackerel fishing spots.

A later telegram to the Times from the same source states that Capt. Hall reports sch. Independence II, Capt. John O'Brien, of this port, coming with 100 barrels of the same kind of fish and also that sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Hamor, of this port, was also coming with a fresh fare, but just how many was not known. Both these fares were also taken last night off Cox's ledge.

Regarding the fish taken by the netters and landed at New York, a special to the Times states that these little craft are getting their fish southeast from Barnegat. The captain of the Olive May reports that the water is firing too much and it is too cold for the making of good hauls and that this accounts for why the netting fleet has done so little to date. The despatch also states that the traps on the New Jersey coast and also over the Long Island shore are beginning to make some hauls of mackerel.

A late special to the Times this afternoon states that the fare of 7000 medium mackerel of sch. Priscilla Smith are selling at 12 cents each. Capt. Corkum of the Smith reports taking this fare east southeast of Five Fathom lightship, in 32 fathoms of water. Five other seiners were in company with him, but failed to stop any schools.

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PEOPLE NEARLY STARVING

Ice Cuts Off Scatterie Island Folks from Help.

Supplies Are Nearly Gone and Ice Embargo Still Holds.

The long continuance of the ice field around Cape Breton is not only delaying the movements of the fishing fleet but putting human lives in danger of being starved to death, as the following despatch from North Sydney, C. B., will show:

"Closely packed in with drift-ice for the past two months, the inhabitants of Scatterie island, about five miles from Mainadien, on the extreme end of Cape Breton, are reduced almost to starvation. The only food now on the island is what little game can be shot. A few lobsters have been caught in crevices of the rocks. There has been no flour, tea nor any such necessity on the island for weeks past.

"There are about 150 people on Scatterie, and all live by fishing. Efforts are now being made to get relief to the island, but it is difficult owing to ice conditions."